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ARMENIA FIRST! AMERICA LAST!

The president has embarked again—not physically this time, but intellectually, idealistically, indefeasibly. He is going to bound Armenia. Just how, nobody knows. Colonel House has all the maps, showing the mountains and rivers, etc., stowed away in some warehouse in New York, and Usurper Lansing has retired temporarily from the practice of statecraft. So the chances are that he will do it by intuition or from memory of countries which he has yet to gaze upon. Anyhow he is going straight ahead with the chalk and blackboard which only last week Mr. Tumulty was observed purchasing on the sly at Wannacooper's.

It is quite a job. Nobody knows now where Armenia begins or ends on the north, the south, the east or the west and none of our altruistic allies seems to care. There is no oil there for England and no raw material for France and Italy—nothing, in fact, but something like what we used to call a streak of rust and a disputed right of way through hornets' nests. That is why Messrs. Lloyd George, Millerand and Nitti invited us into the game. They had nothing to lose and we nothing to gain; so after taking one look at His Excellency, the Hon. Robert Underwood Johnson, as he emerged from the British headquarters at San Remo, which he had stumbled into by mistake, they tried it on.

The consequences was all that could have been desired. His Excellency communicated the seductive proposal forthwith to our new secretary of state, with the result that last Saturday His Other Excellency, the Hon. Hugh C. Wallace, indited the following in his best official French to Premier Millerand:

In reference to the note relative to the frontiers of Armenia, drawn up and approved at San Remo at the meeting of Monday afternoon, April 26, and of which the text has been transmitted to Washington by Robert Underwood Johnson, ambassador of the United States at Rome, I have the honor to inform your excellency that President Wilson has taken into consideration the request formulated by the supreme council, asking him to act in the quality of arbitrator in the question of the Armenian frontier, and that he states that he is willing to accept these functions.

"I am charged," His Excellency concluded, "to add that the president accepts with satisfaction this occasion for rendering service to the people of Armenia."

This, after all, is the most gratifying phase of the diplomatic negotiations. There has been of late in trifling domestic politics to little to please Mr. Wilson that one cannot fail to rejoice in the exaltation which naturally attends resumption of activities upon a more expansive scale. The satisfaction, therefore, with which he contemplates his fixing from the White House porch of the unfixable boundaries of a new Armenia is quite comprehensible. Nor is there the slightest difficulty in realising the approximate pleasure of the unduly beleaguered powers in fetching the nose of the American camel into the composite tent. Mr. Edwin L. James, the competent representative of the frank but cautious administration Times, makes this quite clear when he says:

In the splitting up of Turkey various allies took various slices, but no one took Armenia. It lacked the natural riches that made Syria and Mesopotamia, for instance, attractive. The mandate was offered to the League of Nations, but the league replied that it could not assume the task, because it had neither an army nor money with which to administer Armenia. The allies then engaged in a search for some one to accept the task. No one was found who wished to put up the \$50,000,000 and supply the 40,000 men needed to put Armenia on its feet.

"In agreeing to accept the role of arbitrator on the Armenian boundaries," Mr. James continues, "President Wilson takes a hand in a most involved and difficult situation. This is true, among other reasons, because a large part of what President Wilson considered Armenian territory is held by the Turkish Nationalists under Mustapha Kemal, who have set up a separate government and are pledged not to accept the Allied-Turkish treaty. There is no part of the Turkish treaty more difficult of enforcement than the Armenian provision, and the chief reason the allied premiers hesitated over the Armenian boundaries was that they did not see how Kemal was to be put out of Armenian territory. The great question remains of how President Wilson's decision is to be enforced."

There is in reality no "great question" about it. Long ago, according to Mr. James, himself, Mr. Wilson pronounced "in favor of America's taking a mandate for the new nation," and only last week, Archbishop Khoren, official representative of the Armenian government, just arrived, not only confirmed the assertion of Mr. James, but added sadly to a reported that "unfortunately the hope that was born in our people because of that assurance seems doomed to disappointment." To that extent at any rate we suspect that the surmise of the archbishop is correct. Whatever may have been the personal commitments of Mr. Wilson, slowly, but with irritating persistency coming into light, the likelihood of America sending thousands of soldiers and millions of money into Armenia, at the behest of Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, is not increasing.

And yet that is precisely what is expected in Europe as the immediate effect of the president's highly intelligent arrangement of boundaries of Armenia from a wheel chair on the porch of the White House. Mr. James proceeds:

A point which appears worth emphasizing is this: Regardless of the fact that it is not generally the role of the arbitrator to enforce his decisions, it is nevertheless felt that in the present conditions of world politics America would be to a certain extent under normal obligations to see that President Wilson's decision is enforced. President Wilson's arbitration followed by the acceptance of the mandate for Armenia by America is the one thing that would be regarded by all the world as an ideal solution. President Wilson's arbitration without America's accepting

of the mandate is quite another matter and one that seems to involve many possibilities Europe will be greatly interested in seeing how Mr. Wilson gets over the difficulties unless America accepts the Armenian mandate.

To which we have simply this to say: Europe may be or may not be "interested in seeing how" Mr. Wilson tries vainly to wriggle out of a second quagmire; America is not. This country is not going to send a soldier or a dollar to Armenia or anywhere else for any such purpose. Everybody who has an atom of sense knows that. The simple fact, indeed, seems to have penetrated even the intelligence of "high official circles," if it be true, as reported by the Associated Press, that—

No answer has been given by the United States to the request of the allied powers that this government undertake the mandate for Armenia. This was acknowledged at the state department today. A mandate will be accepted by this government only with the assent of congress.

"Only with the assent of congress!" Now that is what we call handsome—so handsome and so rare, we might add, that congress can hardly do less in return of courtesy than to resolve that Mr. Wilson may fix any boundaries he perceives and accept any mandates he likes after March 4, 1921.

Meanwhile, we must be grateful for this further evidence of his determination to drag his poor old party deep into the hole which he has dug for himself.

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(By Associated Press)
VANCOUVER, B. C., June 3.—The Rev. George Lem Yuen, the first native Chinese to become a clergyman in the Dominion of Canada, was ordained as a priest of the Church of England here recently. He has been a resident of British Columbia for twenty years.

APPLICATION NO. 0051

Notice of Application for Permission to appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of April, 1920, in accordance with Section 19, Chapter 140, of the Statutes of 1912, one Herman Reichle, of Tonopah, County of Nye, and State of Nevada, made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada. Such appropriation is to be made from Unnamed Springs, and water holes in the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 1, E 1/4 N 1/4, and SE 1/4, Sec. 2, T. 4 N., R. 51 E., M. D. B. & M., at a point in the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 1, T. 4 N., R. 51 E., M. D. B. & M., by means of development and ditches, and 2.2 cubic feet per second is to be conveyed to W 1/2 NE 1/4, Sec. 13, W 1/2 SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 12, T. 4 N., R. 51 E., M. D. B. & M., and there used for irrigation and domestic purposes, from March 1st until October 1st of each year, water not to be returned to stream.

J. G. SCHUGHAM,
State Engineer
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye.

In the Matter of the Estate of Fred Young, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified by the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, as Administratrix, of the estate of Fred Young, late of said county, deceased.

All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file the same, with proper vouchers attached with the Clerk of the Court, within forty (40) days of the first publication of this notice.

Dated: May 19, 1920.
HILMA NEILSON,
Administratrix.

Lowell Daniels, Attorney for Administratrix.
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